



Town of Discovery Bay
A California Community Services District
"Friday Letter"
To the Board of Directors
March 21, 2014

From: Rick Howard, General Manager

General Manager/Administration:

- ✓ As the Board was made aware, there was a minor Sanitary Sewer Overflow on Clubhouse Drive Wednesday evening. Estimated at between 50 and 100 gallons, the spill did reach a storm drain. Veolia has reported to all state agencies within the required timeframes. The cause of the spill appears to be the result of a "plug" that was used to divert flows while the recently upgraded Lift Station W was put into service. The plug was placed in the wrong pipe by the project's contractor. While the Root Cause Analysis is not complete, it is likely the result of this error. As soon as the final analysis is complete, I will share that with the Board.
- ✓ On Wednesday I attended a meeting at the Regional Water Quality Control Board in Sacramento. Also attending were Vice President Steele, Director Graves, District Engineer Gregory Harris and representatives of Stantec Engineering. As I noted under separate cover, the meeting went fairly well and the RWQCB appeared to appreciate the Town's efforts towards implementing the conditions contained in the preliminary draft NPDES permit. Today, the RWQCB submitted updated project schedules which recognize the Town's implementation plan and overall project schedule. The Draft NPDES Permit should hit the street Monday.
- ✓ On Tuesday Sue and I attended the SDRMA Safety Claims Seminar in Sacramento. The classes are geared towards reducing both property and liability insurance premiums, as well as Worker's Compensation claims. The seminar was excellent. Of interest was the keynote speaker who is a FBI Agent in the Cyber Crimes Unit. The ease of a hacker to be able to infiltrate your personal electronic footprint is amazingly easy. I encourage you to visit <https://haveibeenpwned.com> and enter your email to see if it has been hacked. I have more information to provide on this subject, but thought it would be better served to demonstrate in person. If you'd like, let me know and the next time you stop by I can go over some of the examples with you. If nothing else, make your password very hard to break!

Parks, Landscape and Recreation Services

- ✓ The Community Center Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting ceremony went very well and we have had very positive feedback. I'd like to thank Randy Prince for sponsoring the wine and Neumiller and Beardslee for sponsoring the snacks. The photo below shows the moment!



- ✓ I'll keep this on the calendar for a while - The Town will be hosting the May Chamber Mixer at the Community Center on Tuesday, May 27th. Details to follow, but please mark your calendar.

Water and Wastewater Services

- ✓ Last Friday, I notified the Board that we were experiencing problems with Lift Station F. LS F, located at the corner of Willow Lake and River Lake Roads had a pump failure three weeks ago. On Friday, the remaining pump "ragged" up, and was not working properly. In order to de-rag the pump, the motor had to be pulled. But, that couldn't happen until flows decreased overnight. Due to logistics, contractor availability, and timing, the pump was finally pulled and de-ragged Saturday evening. As of that time, it was operating smoothly. On Tuesday, the repaired pump was placed back into service and LS F is now operating on two pumps.

- ✓ Parkson, the manufacturer of the drying chambers at Plant No. 2, have taken some pictures for their marketing materials. Two of the pictures are below. I didn't realize that bio-solids chambers could look so nice!



Important Dates

Upcoming important dates are as follows:

- CSD Regular Board Meeting – April 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
- CSD Regular Board Meeting – April 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
- Annual Earth Day Celebration – Saturday, April 26 – Discovery Bay Community Center
- Chamber Mixer - May 27 at 6:00 p.m. - Discovery Bay Community Center